

Author Spotlight Lisa Scottoline

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Lisa Scottoline went to the University of Pennsylvania, earning her degree in English with a concentration in the contemporary American novel in 1976; she was taught writing by professors such as National Book Award Winner Philip Roth. Lisa then graduated cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1981, where she served as an Associate Editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.

Lisa began her legal career with a clerkship for the Pennsylvania Superior Court. When the clerkship ended, she joined a law firm in Philadelphia as an associate. In 1986, she left the firm to raise her newborn daughter and began writing legal fiction part-time. In 1994, Scottoline reentered the legal world as an administrative law clerk to Chief Judge Dolores K. Sloviter of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, while beginning a new career as a fiction author.

Lisa's writing career began with her first novel, *Everywhere that Mary Went*, published in 1994. The novel became a bestseller and was nominated for the Edgar Award, the most prestigious

award given in crime fiction, awarded by the Mystery Writers of America. Lisa's second novel, *Final Appeal*, was also nominated for and received an Edgar Award. Since then she has written eleven more legal suspense novels, all of which have appeared on bestseller lists, including the *New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today*, and *Publisher's Weekly*. Scottoline presently has nine million copies in print in the United States, not including audio, e-book and various large print editions. Internationally, Lisa is published in 23 countries. Lisa has also joined the faculty as a visiting professor at The University of Pennsylvania Law School to teach a course she created entitled "Justice and Fiction."

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